THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot. No final decision has yet been taken in the matter.

Changes in the Cockpit layout of A-320 Aircraft

1693. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) wsether the Airbus Industry has set up a team of specialists to study whether the cockpit layout of the A-320s needs to be changed;

(b) what are the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating changes in the A-320 aircrafts already operating in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Airbus Industries have indicated that they will undertake a study to review the design of Flight Control Unit. As and when the modification is finalised and approved, the same will be incorporated in the A-320 fleet of Indian Airlines.

Air India flight recalled after one Hour

1694. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2847 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1992 and state:

(a) the extent of loss and dislocation of services caused by recalling of Air India flight one hour after it left Delhi airport on 3rd March, 1992; and

(b) whether any such incident took place on any of the airlines in India and abroad during the past two years, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The losses due to recall of Air India flight on 2-3-1992 after take off from Delhi airport amounted to approximately Rs. 15.90 lakhs. There was no dislocation of flight due to this incident.

(b) According to available information, two flights of Indian Airlines were recalled after take off during the last 2 years. Information on such incidents abroad are not available.

Cancellation of Flights by Air India

1695. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of passengers travelling by Air India flights had been put to great inconvenience due to last minute cancellation of the flights for "commercial reasons";

(b) if so, what are these commercial reasons; and

(c) what is the number of times these flights were cancelled for such reasons during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Sometimes flights are combined due to poor loads at both ends. On such occasions, the passengers are transferred to the next available flight and all efforts are made to minimise inconvenience to the passengers.

Enquiry into the Purchase of A-320

1696. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had ordered an enquiry into the purchase of high technology A-320s in 1985;

(b) if so, what progress has been made into the investigations so far;